Solving a complex problem



To illustrate the complexity facing Western crews testing and repairing embedded systems, here is a sample of the range of power systems potentially affected:

- digitally controlled relays that open and close breakers which energize or de-energize a power line
- meters that measure power flow on a power line
- telephone switches
- switches and routers that control data flow on Western's wide-area network
- uninterruptible power systems that provide temporary support power to computers during outage
- Information Systems Integrated Substations
- direct current converter stations